

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Gary K. Michelson |) | Confirmation No.: 9274 |
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| For: INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE |) | • |
| SURGICAL CORRECTION OF HUMAN |) | Examiner: Michael Brown |
| THORACID AND LUMBAR SPINAL |) | |
| DISEASE FROM THE LATERAL |) | |
| ASPECT OF THE SPINE |) | |
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AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination of the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this paper.

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